

TARIFF MAY CAUSE FREE TRADE ERA

No Duty on 51 Per Cent of Imports Under New Law.

FRAMERS ARE NOT SURPRISED

Money Value of Merchandise Admitted Without Tax Under Operation of Payne-Aldrich Bill Totals Approximately \$700,000,000—England Trends Toward Protection.

Under the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, more than one-half of the import trade of the United States is free of duty.

To the men who prepared the measure this is not a surprise. During the prolonged debate on the bill last summer its advocates predicted that much of the trade under it would be conducted independently of the tariff.

This situation has been arrived at through a gradual increase in the percentage of free imports from the year 1821, when 3.35 per cent of the importations were admitted without the payment of a tariff duty. By this ratio of free-trade progression, the United States will arrive at the goal of free trade about the year 2000.

May Supplant England.
By another token, England, following the trend which she is now taking, may then be a protected country. Should this prophecy work out, England and the United States will then have changed places, each assuming the trade of the other.

Imports which pay no duty have increased steadily since the passage of the new tariff act on August 6, 1893. Taking August as a full month, the imports which came in free were 43.32 per cent, September 49.25 per cent, October 50.61 per cent, November 54.11 per cent, and December 55.96 per cent.

The average for the five-month period for which the importation figures are now available at the Bureau of Statistics is 51.5 per cent.

This is the largest free importation under any tariff act except that of 1890, which admitted sugar free of duty. Free imports in 1894 reached 59.11 per cent. Under this act the free imports jumped to 55.73 per cent, dropped the following

year to 51.93 per cent, and advanced in 1894 to the highest point ever known.

Action on the part of Congress which made hides free of duty, a step which is now acknowledged to have been futile, since both hides and the shoes into which they are made have increased in price, contributed largely to the money value of the free imports, being more than one-seventh of the total of \$698,779,771.

India rubber imported, free added \$79,000,000; pig tin, \$27,500,000; raw silk, \$74,000,000; fibers, \$29,600,000; cotton, \$15,000,000; copper, \$40,000,000; coffee, \$86,000,000; tea, \$16,500,000; cacao \$13,300,000; chemicals, \$32,500,000; art works, \$13,500,000, and undressed furs, \$12,700,000.

Growth of the free-trade tendency is written in the record of the percentage of free imports.

In the year 1821 the share admitted free of duty was 3.35 per cent, in 1822, 5.19 per cent. Then there was a slow but steady advance, until in 1831 the share entering free of duty was 6.65 per cent. Then there came a sharp advance by reason of changes in tariff laws, and in 1833 the share free of duty was 24.21 per cent. One year later, through another change in tariff, the share admitted free of duty rose to 45.67 per cent, and continued at about that ratio until 1842, when it dropped to 25.33 per cent.

Following further changes in the tariff laws, the proportion of the imports entering free of duty fell to 17.31 per cent in 1844, 14.8 in 1845, 13.62 in 1847, 10.63 in 1848, 9.74 in 1850, and 8.93 in 1851, ranging from that point slowly upward, until the share admitted free of duty in 1859 was 20.54 per cent.

During the civil war period the share admitted free of duty ranged from 27.35 per cent in 1862 downward to 12.67 per cent in 1864 and 12.12 per cent in 1865.

Merchandise entering free of duty, which never reached as much as \$100,000,000 prior to 1873, passed the \$200,000,000 mark in 1880, \$300,000,000 in 1891, \$400,000,000 in 1892, \$500,000,000 in 1895, and the \$600,000,000 mark in 1897.

Cornell Wants University Design.
Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 30.—The authorities of Cornell University invite competitive designs for a university emblem, and offer a prize of \$300 for the most satisfactory. The competition is open to all, the first of June being named as the latest date for the submission of designs.

Will Oppose Stemp.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Bristol, Va., Jan. 30.—There will be a big gathering of the Democratic clans of the Ninth Congressional district of Virginia in Bristol, March 1, when a candidate for Congress will be selected to make the race against Representative Bascom Stemp.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Police Searching for Murderer of Joseph Terrell.

OLD TOWN CLOCK REPAIRED

Will Soon Be in Working Order in Market House Steeple—Engineer Injured by Flywheel in a Critical Condition—Men's Meeting at M. E. Church South Well Attended.

P. Clinton Knight, 65 King street, Alexandria, Va., is authorized agent and carrier for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, 65 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 30.—Noah Wadley, the negro wanted by the police for the murder of Joseph Terrell, another negro, a few days ago, has disappeared and all efforts to locate him have failed. Endless clues have been followed by the department.

On Sunday morning last Wadley struck Terrell over the head with an ax. The affair took place in a luncheon in Upper King street, conducted by William Turner, a negro. Terrell never regained consciousness and died Tuesday morning last at the hospital. A coroner's jury returned a verdict holding Wadley responsible for his death.

The old city town clock in the market house steeple will soon be in working order. The parts which were sent away to a factory have been repaired and returned.

At Alexandria Hospital late to-night it was stated that the condition of Oliver S. Stone, an engineer at the planing mill of Henry K. Field & Co., who was almost totally scalped yesterday afternoon by coming in contact with the flywheel of the engine, was still critical. He has not regained consciousness.

Arrangements have been made by Court Kavanaugh, No. 54, Daughters of Isabella, for an entertainment and euchre on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kelly entertained at cards Saturday evening at their home, 112 South Columbus street, in honor of Mr. Kelly's mother and sister. Those present included Mrs. Dr. Troxell, of Gallitzin, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ma-

honey, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Dunning, of Pierre, S. Dak., and Mr. Walter H. Kelly, of Washington.

A largely attended men's meeting was held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon in the Young People's building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. An able address was delivered by Rev. Claude M. Hester, of Brightwood, D. C. He took for his subject "A call for the best."

Linden Ferguson, son of Policeman William Ferguson, is reported to be seriously ill at his parents' home, South Fairfax street.

The dancing club of Alexandria Lodge of Elks will give a dance at McBurney's Hall to-morrow night.

State Delegate Robinson Moncre came up from Richmond last night and spent the day in this city.

Oppose Sale of Cider.
Special to The Washington Herald.

Covington, Va., Jan. 30.—Complying with a telegram from Senator King, of Allegheny County, the Anti Saloon League called a meeting at the courthouse here this afternoon to secure a petition to ward securing the passage of the King bill, now pending in the legislature, the purpose of which is to suppress the indiscriminate sale of cider in territory where license to sell ardent spirits is not granted. A petition of 125 citizens was secured.

Actor Dies at Fairmont.
Special to The Washington Herald.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Andrew Dargun, of New York, member of "Patsey in Politics" Company, died at Cook Hospital, Fairmont, after an illness of a few weeks. He was operated upon, having been taken ill while the company was appearing at Fairmont. A number of his relatives came from New York to minister to him.

Paper Mill Pays Big Fee.
Special to The Washington Herald.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 30.—One of the largest fees ever paid into the office of secretary of state was paid to Secretary Reed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, a Delaware corporation, for authority to do business in West Virginia. The fee amounted to \$5,230.

Price of Gas Advances.
Special to The Washington Herald.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 30.—The expected advance in the price of natural gas to manufacturers has been announced, and will become operative February 1. This will result in a great number of the manufacturing industries of this city and vicinity going back to the use of coal as a fuel.

BOY HELD IN PEONAGE

Stories of Cruelty and Outrages in Texas Related.

FROM 1,500 TO 2,000 MEN HELD

Negroes and Whites, Men and Women, Are Housed Together—Four Special Agents for the Government Investigate Case of Joe Folger, a Young Man of Good Family.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 30.—Stories of cruelty and outrages are told by victims of the peonage system that is alleged to exist upon the Koppe plantation, in Burleson County, and upon other plantations who are to give their testimony before the Federal grand jury.

Two more arrests on a charge of conspiracy to hold certain persons in peonage were made to-day upon indictments of the Federal grand jury, the accused being Robert S. Newton, superintendent and manager of the Koppe plantation, and W. S. Houston, a constable of that precinct.

Four special agents of the government have been investigating the peonage system in Texas for several weeks. The first information the government received of the practices was obtained from Joe Folger, of St. Joseph, Mo. He is a young man of good family, and while on his way to Brownsville, Tex., ran out of funds.

Trumped-up Charge.
He left the train at Somerville, Burleson County, to telegraph home for money, when he was arrested upon a trumped-up charge by a local officer. He was sent to the Koppe plantation, not being permitted to communicate with friends or relatives. He was kept on the farm for six months and worked until physical weakness caused him to be discharged. He reported the matter to the United States authorities when he got back to St. Joseph, and an investigation was inaugurated.

It was discovered that many negroes and white men were held in peonage upon the plantation; that they were beaten into insensibility by a bat and six-foot strap; that negroes and whites, including the men and women, were housed together; that failure to do the appointed task each day caused horrible punishment to be inflicted; that two men

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had their eyes gouged out, and that several died from injuries inflicted by the guards.

According to statements of the Federal special agents, from 1,500 to 2,000 men have been held in peonage during the past year in Burleson and other counties of the State. Negroes and white men were arrested without cause and pressed into peonage. It is stated that local peace officers received \$15 for each man they delivered to a plantation.

Forty witnesses are here to testify. It is reported that a large number of arrests will be made.

Peruvian Minister Resigns.

Lima, Jan. 30.—Senor Forero, minister of finance, has resigned. William J. Bryan had a splendid reception at Arapahua. He will proceed on his tour Monday.

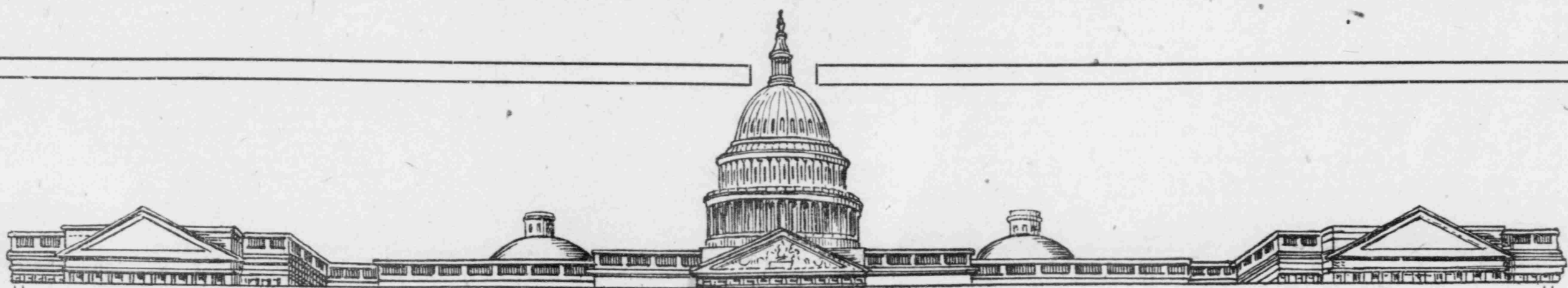
MISSING, WIRES FROM UTAH

"I Am Sick; Would Like to Come Home," He Says.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 30.—A telegram of eight words, received to-day by the family of Henry Zeigler, Jr., gave them the first information since he mysteriously disappeared more than a year ago that he is alive. It said: "I am sick; would like to come home."

An answer was at once sent, urging him to come, and the family is now anxiously awaiting a reply.

Zeigler was a prosperous business man. Over a year ago he walked out of his store at midday and disappeared. Since then no word has been heard from him until the telegram came to-day. It was dated at Provo, Utah.



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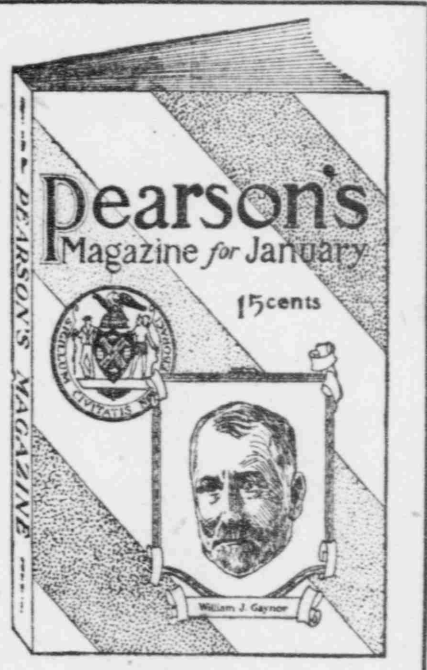
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